Acting appointments made by the Director of Public Health.

54. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are vacancies of Conservancy Overseers and Vaccinators still pending to be filled up;

(*b*) if so the number of such vacancies; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for not filling up such vacancies?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vaccinators 15 and Conservancy Overseers 3.

(*c*) The Vaccinators are grouped both in the intermediate and the lower divisions of the Public Service and the question of filling up the vacancies had to be held up pending the decision of Government in the matter of promotions from the lower to the intermediate division. The claims of acting candidates are being considered in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner.

Appointment of a Sanitary Circle Officer in the Kalkulam taluk.

55. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Sanitary Circle Officer, Kalkulam, took privilege leave in 1114;

(*b*) if so, the duration of such leave; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any acting incumbent was appointed in the said vacancy; if not, the reason for the same?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One month and 15 days.

(*c*) No acting incumbent was appointed in the vacancy. The Sanitary Circle Officer of the Agastiswaram taluk was in additional charge of the Circle. Government considered that during the absence on leave of the permanent incumbent for a period of about 1½ months no substitute was necessary and that the Sanitary Circle Officer of the Agastiswaram taluk could be in charge of the Circle without prejudice to his own work.

Cattle in the State.

56. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of cattle in the State as per the last Census as well as per the statistics if any taken after the last Census;

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(*b*) the total number of stud bulls maintained by the Government in 1113 and 1114 and the places where they are maintained; and

(*c*) the average cost for maintaining a stud bull per annum?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) 1,056,943 as per last Census and 1,077,955 as per the latest statistics (taken in 1112) of which figures are available.

(*b*) Nine stud bulls were maintained by the Agricultural Department during 1113 and 1114. Six of them were maintained at Trivandrum, one at Kottayam and two at Koovapady.

(*c*) About Rs. 160.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know the number of cows as per the statistics of 1112 given in the reply?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar. About 50 per cent.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know how many cows can be served in a year by a stud bull?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: About 50 to 60 cows.

Trivandrum Electric Supply.

57. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether bill collectors have been appointed to collect electrical dues from private consumers in the Trivandrum town;

(*b*) how many such bill collectors have been so appointed;

(*c*) what is their pay;

(*d*) what was the total amount to be collected in 1113 from private consumers;

(*e*) what was the total amount collected in 1113;

(*f*) what was the amount collected by these bill collectors in 1113;

(*g*) are there not similar bill collectors in the Trivandrum Municipality and in the Water Works Department; and

(*h*) what are they paid?

Mr. K. P. P. Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) Rs. 22 in the grade of 20-1-25 with a cycle allowance of Rs. 5 each per mensem.

(*d*) Rs. 1,06,368-24-1.

(*e*) Rs. 1,00,249-17-13.

(*f*) Rs. 11,685-14-7.

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